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san francisco coffeehouse

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publicity/media

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adequate PA system → needed

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- more spectators
- didn't have names of speakers

AJC Chris Quinn
statement from orgs → for press packet

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red ribbons

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walking route + 2 car routes

publicity/media/publicize

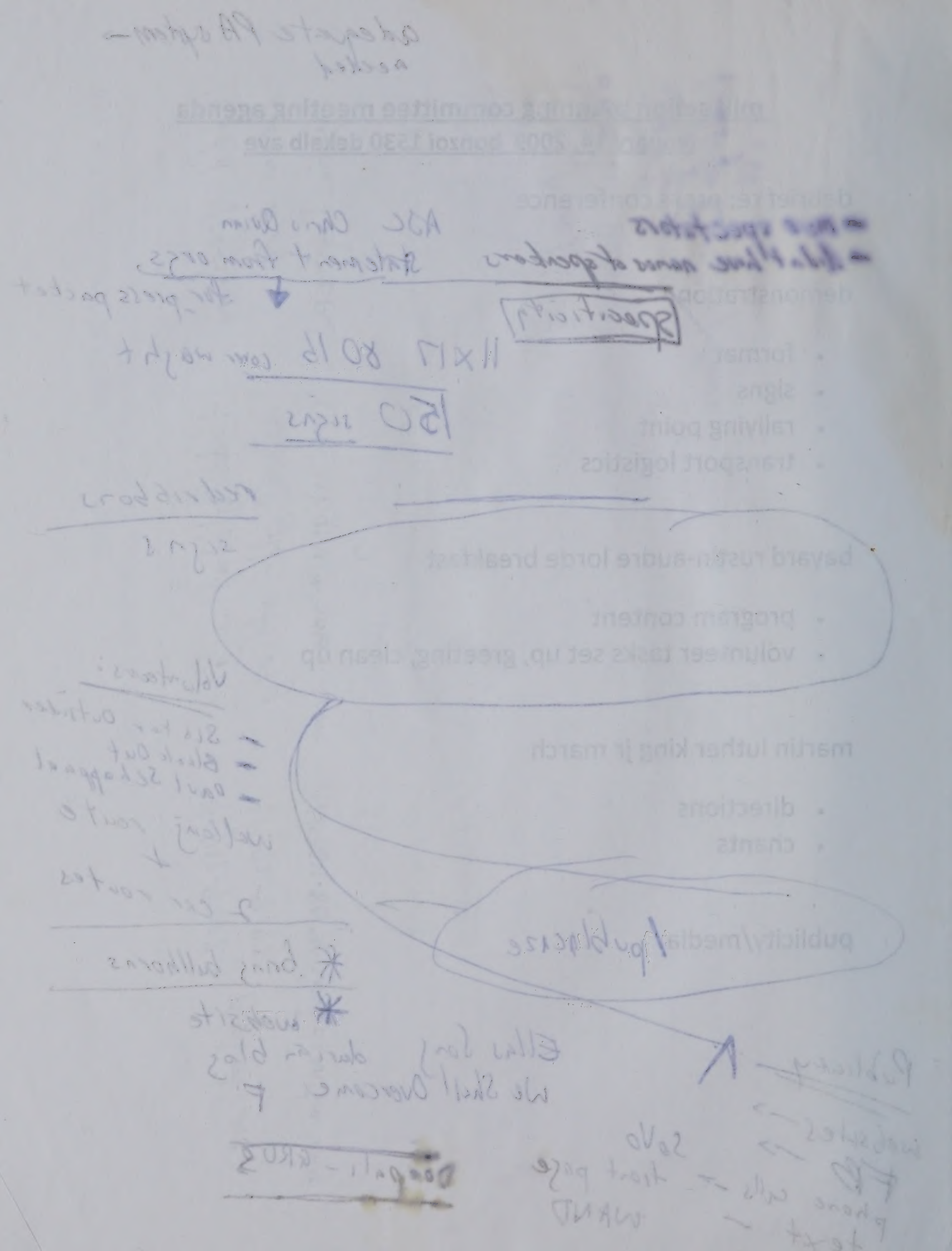
* bring bullhorns
* website

Publicity

Ella's Song — durian blog
We Shall Overcome — F

websites →
FB →
phone calls → SoVo front page
text → WAND

Deepali - GRUB



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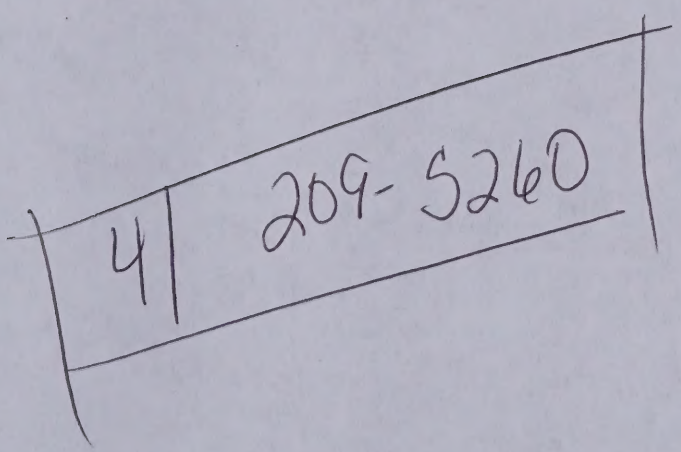

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